

DEMAND GEORGE QUIT "REPUBLIC"

Investigators of Charity Board Want Founder and Girls Eliminated.

RADICAL REFORMS RECOMMENDED

System of Control Said To Be Harmful—Meeting of the Trustees Called.

The report of a committee of the State Board of Charities condemning the connection of William R. George with the George Junior Republic, at Freeville, which he founded, and recommending radical changes in the educational and administrative methods at the school, was made public yesterday. Besides urging the elimination of George as a factor in the affairs of the republic, the State Board of Charities advocated the taking of the place out of the hands of the pupils themselves, heretofore the distinguishing feature of the school. Ten recommendations were made by the state board's committee, a brief summary of which is as follows:

First, that the board of directors of the institution be reduced to nine, two to be women; second, that no girls be admitted to the school in the future, and those there at present be removed with expedience; third, that boys do their own housework, excluding girls from their quarters at all times; fourth, that vocational studies be substituted for academic languages; fifth, that boys on being admitted to the institution be thoroughly versed in the rules and regulations of the place; sixth, that a competent doctor be appointed as a resident medical attendant; seventh, that the steel jail be taken out and a disciplinary cottage substituted; eighth, that the local courts, the grand jury, the district attorney and police officials, appointed by the students among themselves, be abolished, and all future offenses be dealt with by a superintendent; ninth, that the minimum age of new students be twelve instead of fourteen years.

The tenth and last recommendation was "that William R. George be removed in fact from any connection whatever with the republic, as the committee was firmly of the opinion that his usefulness at Freeville had long since ended."

Henry Burden, of Casenovia, N. Y., acting president of the George Junior Republic, who was in New York yesterday, said that he was not free to offer comment on the matter, other than to say that for the last nine months, since an investigation of the Freeville institution's affairs was considered, Mr. George had in no way sought to dominate or influence the management of the republic. A meeting of the trustees would be held in this city, at the office of V. Everett Macy, No. 68 Broadway street, on Tuesday, Mr. Burden said, at which the recommendations of the State Board of Charities would be considered.

In explaining the action of the committee, Robert W. Hebbard, secretary of the State Board of Charities, said George had not been summoned to testify because it was not investigating his conduct, but the institution. It felt bound to recommend his elimination, he said, because George lived next to the Freeville school and exerted a tremendous influence on the institution, in spite of the fact that he was no longer officially associated with it.

The State Board of Charities, it was explained yesterday, supervises the payment of money by various cities and counties in the state from which pupils are sent to the republic at the order of the courts. Of the 134 students of the republic now only a few, it was said by Mr. Burden, were maintained by the public.

Until the trustees adopt all or enough of its recommendations to suit it, it was said at the State Board of Charities, no vouchers will be given by the board for payment of the money. In fact, Mr. Hebbard said, such an order had been in force a month, in anticipation of the findings of the special investigating committee.

Friends of George were uncertain yesterday as to the outcome of the state board's findings. It is expected that the idea of self-government by the students, which proved so successful in the Freeville school that it had been copied by junior republics in several other states and in England, would be eradicated and the school take the form of an industrial reformatory.

The republic was not obliged to take students sent there by the courts, and in the event of an open break with the State Board of Charities it would simply mean the withdrawal of the few there at present, and that in future the Freeville school would be conducted as a private institution.

No intimation of when the judges appointed by the committee of the board of managers of the National Association of Junior Republics, which alleged misconduct, would meet could be obtained yesterday. Emory E. Buckner, counsel at the investigation for George, said he believed it would be about the first week in January.

In the mean while the trustees' meeting to be held on Monday is being awaited with interest.

BLAKE MOTION NOT ARGUED

Question of Alimony Will Be Arranged Privately.

The arrangement for alimony in the separation suit of Mrs. Catherine Ketchum Blake against Dr. Joseph A. Blake will be made in private, as the motion by the wife was marked off the calendar in the Supreme Court yesterday. There was no response from attorneys for the parties to the suit when the motion was called for argument. Mrs. Blake asked for \$1,500 a month, \$5,000 for counsel fees and an additional \$2,000 for expenditures which she incurred while living apart from her husband.

The trial of the separation action has been proceeding before Wilbur Larremore as referee, and his report will probably be filed in a few days.

Big Civic Saving Shown.

The annual report of the City Record for 1912, made public by David Ferguson, the supervisor, yesterday, showed that during the first three years of the administration of Mayor Gaynor he had conducted the office of the City Record at a total saving of \$2,656,078.27. In 1909 the per capita cost of the City Record office was \$2.61 cents, while in 1912 it was only 20.07 cents.

KINDERGARTEN ELOPEMENT BRINGS CHILDREN TO COURT

Romance of Office Boy, 16, and Corona Girl, 15, Nipped by a Laughing License Clerk, Disobliging Ministers, Stern Parents and a Warrant.

George Thirone, sixteen, an office boy, living at No. 21 National avenue, Corona, and Elizabeth Blanche, just under sixteen, and living at No. 8 East Polk street, Corona, slipped away from their romantic haunts on Sunday evening.

A friend of Elizabeth's mother, who had received a telephone call from the girl, visited Mrs. Blanche several hours later to purr the information, received from Elizabeth, that the boy and the girl had been married in Jersey City.

Mrs. Blanche immediately executed a mental tango.

"Just wait until that child gets home!" she exclaimed.

George's father heard about it.

"—!" he remarked, according to the stenographer's notes.

George and Elizabeth didn't know what a hit their elopement had made, so they flitted around looking for a minister. They found several, but not one would perform the ceremony.

A point the children had overlooked was the necessity for a marriage license. Of course, they hadn't got to that feature in conversations with clergymen, but they thought it might help, so they went to the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, where they stated their mission to the clerk.

They were disgusted with the restrictions thrown around marriage.

"What are we going to do?" asked Elizabeth.

"Well," George remarked, "it might not

O. C. HEINZE A BANKRUPT

Files Voluntary Petition so He May Start Life Anew.

Otto C. Heinze, formerly a member of the banking firm of Otto Heinze & Co., No. 42 Broadway, which was thrown into bankruptcy in 1907, filed yesterday a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The firm was in the hands of a receiver for several years, and the first petition was finally dismissed. Heinze says that the second petition is filed with the hope of relieving himself of embarrassments resulting from his first petition.

"He has been harassed," it is stated in the papers filed, "by a mass of fruitless and futile litigation arising out of the situation then existing, and, being without assets, any that he had having been sold by the receiver, he now feels compelled by the circumstances of his situation to seek in an appropriate way to unshackle and free himself from the burden he may engage in useful business activity."

Mr. Heinze's home is at West Hampton Beach, Long Island.

Claims amounting to \$455,000 are secured by 12,000 shares of United Copper Company stock and by life insurance policies. The unsecured claims amount to \$1,354,000.

STOPS RUNAWAY HORSE

Patrolman Trampled On, but Saves School Children.

Patrolman Frederick Bruns, of the Elmhurst, Queens Borough, precinct, was severely hurt yesterday while stopping a runaway horse. The horse, drawing a delivery wagon, with no driver, came tearing down Jackson street to Junction avenue. Bruns got hold of the bridle and was dragged half a block. Then the bridle broke, and the horse galloped on.

Bruns commandeered an automobile and gave chase. When the automobile had passed the horse Bruns jumped out and again grabbed the bridle. A block ahead children were going to Public School 89, and scores of youngsters were crossing the avenue. Bruns was again dragged half a block before he stopped the horse in time to save a number of children.

The policeman's left foot was stepped upon by the horse and his left leg was torn from the knee to the ankle. He was taken home. Bruns has stopped half a dozen runaway horses.

The horse and wagon belonged to Andrew Lizenadas, of Flushing, and the horse had run the whole way from Flushing. The wagon was wrecked.

MRS. SAGE AGAIN AS SANTA

Will Distribute \$2,000 Among Central Park Employees.

Mrs. Russell Sage, following her custom of former years, will be Santa Claus for all park employees in Central Park receiving \$3 and less a day to the extent of \$5 each again this year. In the last two years her gifts did not include the clerks in the department offices, but this year they also are to be remembered.

The total amount of the Christmas present from Mrs. Sage will be about \$2,000. It was said yesterday at the department offices. Last year it was about \$1,500.

The list was requested by Mrs. Sage a few days ago, and it is expected the money will be distributed some time next week.

MORE DELAY FOR PARSONS

Park Board Not Likely Now to Reopen Case.

The Park Board, which has been informally considering the case of Samuel Parsons, Jr., who was ousted as landscape architect in the early part of the present administration, did nothing in the matter at yesterday's meeting. Friends of the ousted official have sought to have the case reopened since the resignation of Charles B. Stover, who led the fight on Mr. Parsons.

It was said yesterday by a person in close touch with park affairs that it was hardly possible that the case would be reopened at this late date. Only one more meeting of the board is to be held.

MISS HILTON LEFT \$10,000

Will Show Property Was Gift of Her Brother, the Merchant.

Miss Eliza Hilton, a sister of the late Judge Henry Hilton, who died on December 10 at No. 771 Madison avenue, left an estate valued at about \$10,000. The will of Miss Hilton, filed yesterday, showed she received the property from her brother, an associate of the late A. T. Stewart, whom he succeeded in the drygoods business.

Miss Hilton transferred the \$10,000 to E. Frank Hyde, who invested it for her in preferred stock of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company. The testatrix divided her estate among four friends, two nieces and a nephew.

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SCHMIDT TRIAL HALTED BY DEATH

Relatives of Two Jurors Stricken—Witnesses Fail Defence.

PASTOR DENIES SLAYER WAS MAD

Murderer's Delusions About St. Elizabeth and His Birth Rapped as Shams.

Because of deaths in the families of two jurors who are sitting in the case of Hans Schmidt, the slayer of Anna Ammiller, the trial was adjourned yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock until 10 o'clock this morning. Oldtimers around the Criminal Courts Building could not remember a similar instance in the history of the building. Juror No. 6, George L. Dann, of No. 127 East 23d street, lost his sister, and the uncle of Juror No. 12, Charles E. Nelson, of No. 40 Riverside Drive, died.

Three witnesses called by the defence yesterday to testify to acts of Schmidt that might be interpreted as evidence of a deranged mind proved to be better witnesses for the prosecution than for the defence.

Under the cross-examination of James M. Delehanty, Assistant District Attorney in charge of the case for the state, the first witness, Dr. John J. Braun, pastor of St. Boniface's Church, where Schmidt first served in this city, said he never saw any signs of insanity in Schmidt. He told Mr. Delehanty, but he did observe him using the middle finger and thumb in elevating the Host and in giving communion, instead of the index finger and thumb.

He said Schmidt impressed him as "overpious." Father Braun once had occasion to reproach him for baptizing a child while in his street clothes.

Father Braun's sister, Miss Magdalen L. Braun, who is housekeeper at St. Boniface's, said she noticed that Schmidt would hurry through the mass, leaving out prayers and entire parts of the service.

In answer to a question of Terence J. McManus, one of the counsel for Schmidt, she said that on one occasion Schmidt told her that he believed a man and a woman had a right to live together and to cease their relations when they tired of each other.

Father Andrew D. Quinn, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, where Schmidt was stationed when he was arrested, on cross-examination said that the first time he ever heard Schmidt mention St. Elizabeth's name was when the police were taking him away. Then Schmidt said he had been ordained by St. Elizabeth.

Father Quinn was asked by Mr. Delehanty if he did not tell Dr. Macdonald, one of the state's attorneys, that Schmidt said he believed Harry Thaw, a persecuted man and that he believed he was justified in killing Stanford White. Father Quinn said he did. The priest then spoke of Schmidt's conversation regarding Dr. Richardson, the minister who murdered Avis Linnell.

Father Quinn said that after the murder of Anna Ammiller Schmidt was depressed.

"We asked him what the matter was," said Father Quinn. "He said he was not feeling well. I told him to see a doctor. He said: 'My trouble is more mental than physical.'"

"He talked to you about his father, didn't he?" asked Mr. Delehanty.

"Yes," said Father Quinn, "he said that his father had been harsh to him."

This last was another blow at the defence, one of whose strong points was to be that Schmidt once before used the name of St. Elizabeth to get out of the clutches of the law was shown by transcripts of his trial in Munich in 1909 for forgery. Part of the transcript was read into the record yesterday. This consisted of a statement by Dr. Hermann, who was then appointed by the Royal Superior Court to inquire into Schmidt's mental condition.

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Charge Made by Press Agent of Radio Company.

The charge was made yesterday at the hearing of the government into the case of the Radio Telephone Company that officers on the battleship fleet had been induced to withhold comment on its trials. A publicity man of the company who made this statement in a letter wrote also that he had succeeded in "fixing" newspapers so that only that which is favorable to the wireless telephone would be printed, and that unfavorable killed."

Julius Poble, a wireless operator, testified that he had made experiments with the telephone during the cruise of the fleet around the world, and that voices were transmitted forty miles and music five or six miles.

Elmer E. Burlingame, one of the defendants, admitted that \$30,000 worth of stock of the Great Lakes Radio Company was used to pay dividends.

\$3,000 BRACELET MISSING

Mrs. C. B. Simpson Lost It at Plaza—Offers \$500 Reward.

Mrs. C. B. Simpson, of No. 3 East 46th street, has instituted a search for a \$3,000 bracelet, lost at the Plaza last Tuesday. The bracelet is of diamonds, linked with gold, and Mrs. Simpson said yesterday that while she attached no sentiment to it, its great beauty, as well as its value, prompted her to make a determined effort to recover it. She has offered a reward of \$500 for the jewel's return.

"I had it at dinner," Mrs. Simpson explained, "and in the bathroom, but at supper it was gone. No, I don't suspect any one, and think I must have dropped it somewhere. Some servant has probably picked it up and is holding it in hopes of a reward. I shan't trust the search entirely to the Plaza, but shall call in the aid of Tiffany's."

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